

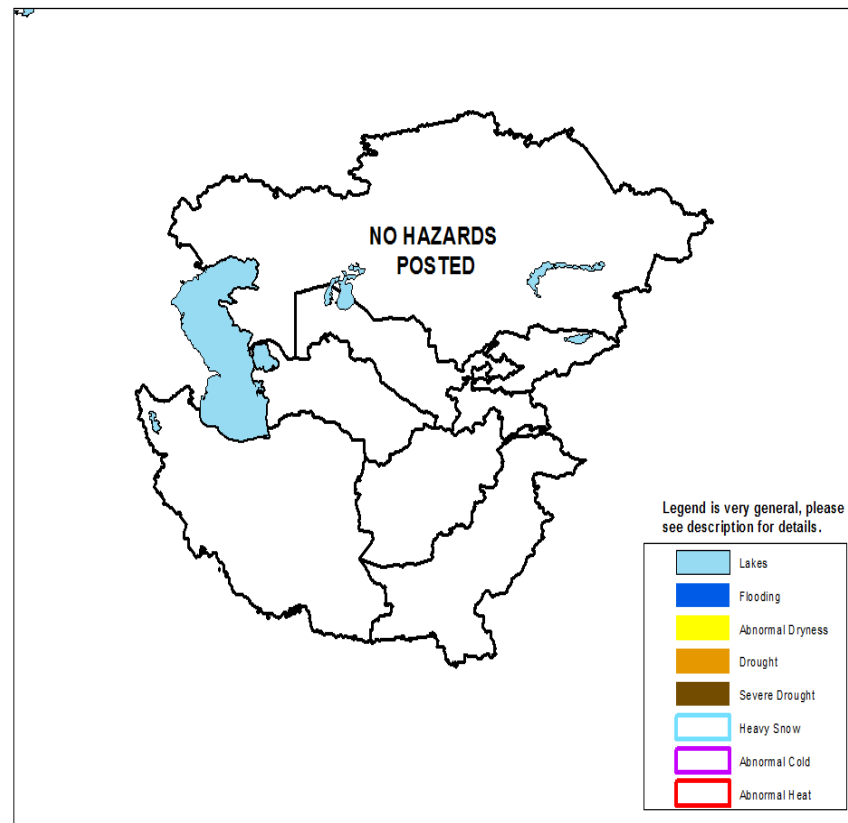
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 8 - 15, 2013

Temperatures:

During the past week, temperatures averaged near to slightly below normal across most of Central Asia. Temperatures are forecast to average 2 to 6 degrees C above normal during the second week of May. Minimum temperatures are forecast to remain above freezing except for the highest elevations of Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Maximum temperatures are forecast to occasionally warm above 30 degrees C across southwest Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan during the next week.

Precipitation

Following a week of heavy rainfall and flooding, a drying trend prevailed across the region. The heaviest precipitation (more than 25 mm) was observed across western Tajikistan and extreme northern Kazakhstan. Mostly dry weather can be expected across most of Central Asia except for light to moderate precipitation across northern Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Afghanistan/eastern Tajikistan. Precipitation typically shifts north to Kazakhstan during May.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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